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Title: A CUTTING MACHINE FOR BRICK MAKING			

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In connection with the application identified in the caption, the applicant of which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 in respect of Australian provisional application PQ7839, filed 30 May 2000, and filed in the name of Boral Bricks (NSW) Pty. Ltd., please first amend the subject application as follows, which amendments are shown in marked-up form in the attached appendix:

IN THE CLAIMS:

2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least one blade is mounted adjacent a wire.

3. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein at least one blade has a passage through which an associated one of the wires passes.

6. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the or each blade engages the slug so as to form the slot along a corner of the green brick being formed.

Cancel claim 7.

Please add the following new claim:

8. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein at least one blade engages the slug so as to form the slot along a corner of the green brick being formed.